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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method of simulating service loads comprising the steps of:

a) developing a service load history database including multiple time series models representative of different service load conditions;

b) combining the multiple time series models to form a simulation test service load model for a time span of a testing object, wherein each time series model is included in the simulation test service load model in a proportion that is based on an estimated time within the time span for which the service load condition associated with the respective time series model will be applicable;

- c) adjusting a parameter <u>variance</u> of each of the time series models <u>of the</u> simulation <u>test service load model</u> and creating an accelerated service load model;
- d) regenerating random vibration load data based upon the accelerated service load model; and
- e) feeding the random vibration load data to a drive simulation system to thereby cause the drive simulation system to simulate service loads in accordance with the random vibration load data.
- 2. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein said step of developing a service load history database further comprises modeling original random vibration service loads in different time series models.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 2 wherein said step of adjusting the parameter variance of each of the time series models further comprises changing a value of a variance  $\sigma_a^2$ , where

$$f(\omega) = \frac{\Delta \sigma_a^2}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\left|e^{ni\omega\Delta} - \phi_1 e^{(n-1)i\omega\Delta} - \dots - \phi_n\right|^2}, \frac{\pi}{\Delta} \leq \omega \leq \frac{\pi}{\Delta}.$$

wherein  $f(\omega)$  is an autospectrum of the time series model for a sampling interval  $\Delta$  as a

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function of angular frequency  $\omega$ , and wherein  $\mathcal{O}_i$  represents said parameter of each of the time series models for i=1...n.

- 4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 3 wherein said step of regenerating the random vibration load data is based upon a recursive formula.
- 5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 4 wherein said step of feeding the load data to a drive simulation system further comprises converting a digital signal to an analog signal and transmitting said analog signal to actuators.